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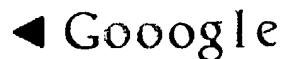
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1 [Monotone bipartitioning problem in a planar point set with applications to VLSI](#)


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A new problem called monotone bipartitioning of a planar point set is identified which is found to be useful in VLSI layout design. Let F denote a rectangular floor containing a set A of n points. The portion of a straight line formed by two points from the set A is called a line segment. A *monotone increasing path (MP)* in F is a connected and ordered sequence of line segments from the bottom-left corner of F to its top-right corner, such t ...

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2 [A new enhanced SPFD rewiring algorithm](#)


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This paper presents an in-depth study of the theory and algorithms for the SPFD-based (*Set of Pairs of Functions to be Distinguished*) rewiring, and explores the flexibility in the SPFD computation. Our contributions are in the following two areas: (1) We present a theorem and a related algorithm for more precise characterization of feasible SPFD-based rewiring. Extensive experimental results show that for LUT-based FPGAs, the rewiring ability of our new algorithm is 70% high ...

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Net weighting for timing-driven placement has been very popular in industry and academia. It has various advantages such as low complexity, high flexibility and ease of implementation. Existing net weighting algorithms, however, are often *ad-hoc*. There is generally no known *good* net weighting algorithms. In this paper, we present a novel net weighting algorithm based on the concept of path-counting, and apply it in timing-driven FPGA placement application. Theoretically this is the ...

4 Logic synthesis and mapping: Placement-driven technology mapping for LUT-based FPGAs



Joey Y. Lin, Ashok Jagannathan, Jason Cong

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In this paper, we study the problem of placement-driven technology mapping for table-lookup based FPGA architectures to optimize circuit performance. Early work on technology mapping for FPGAs such as Chortle-d[14] and Flowmap[3] aim to optimize the depth of the mapped solution without consideration of interconnect delay. Later works such as Flowmap-d[7], Bias-Clus[4] and EdgeMap consider interconnect delays during mapping, but do not take into consideration the effects of their mapping solution ...

Keywords: FPGA synthesis, logic re-synthesis, mapping

5 Poster Paper Introductions: Global clustering-based performance-driven circuit partitioning



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In this paper, we propose a new global clustering based multi-level partitioning algorithm for performance optimization. Our algorithm computes a delay minimal K -way partition first, then gradually reduces the cutsize while keeping the circuit delay by de-clustering and refinement. Our test results on a set of MCNC sequential examples show that we can reduce the delay by 30%, while increasing the cutsize by 28% on average, when compared with hMetis [5]. Our algorithm consistently outperforms ...

Keywords: VLSI CAD, clustering, partitioning, performance optimization, retiming


6 Discovering Coherent Biclusters from Gene Expression Data Using Zero-Suppressed Binary Decision Diagrams



Sungroh Yoon, Christine Nardini, Luca Benini, Giovanni De Micheli

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The biclustering method can be a very useful analysis tool when some genes have multiple functions and experimental conditions are diverse in gene expression measurement. This is because the biclustering approach, in contrast to the conventional

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Keywords: Clustering, life and medical sciences, bioinformatics (genome or protein) databases, logic design.

7 Session 1A: floorplanning and partitioning: Physical planning with retiming

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In this paper, we propose a unified approach to partitioning, floorplanning, and retiming for effective and efficient performance optimization. The integration enables the partitioner to exploit more realistic *geometric delay model* provided by the underlying floorplan. Simultaneous consideration of partitioning and retiming under the geometric delay model enables us to hide global interconnect latency effectively by repositioning FF along long wires. Under the proposed *geometric embedd ...*

8 Performance-driven multi-level clustering with application to hierarchical FPGA mapping

Jason Cong, Michail Romesis

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In this paper, we study the problem of performance-driven multi-level circuit clustering with application to hierarchical FPGA designs. We first show that the performance-driven multi-level clustering problem is NP-hard (in contrast to the fact that single-level performance-driven clustering can be solved in polynomial time optimally). Then, we present an efficient heuristic for two-level clustering for delay minimization. It can also provide area-delay trade-off by controlling the amount o ...

9 Invited talk: synthesis challenges for next-generation high-performance and high-density PLDs

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10 Performance-driven mapping for CPLD architectures

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In this paper we present a performance-driven mapping algorithm, PLAmapping, for CPLD

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Keywords: CPLD, FPGA, PLA-style logic cells, delay optimization, technology mapping

11 Performance driven multi-level and multiway partitioning with retiming



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In this paper, we study the performance driven multiway circuit partitioning problem with consideration of the significant difference of local and global interconnect delay induced by the partitioning. We develop an efficient algorithm HPM (Hierarchical Performance driven Multi-level partitioning) that simultaneously considers cutsize and delay minimization with retiming. HPM builds a multi-level cluster hierarchy and performs various refinement while gradually decomposing the clusters ...

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